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1. THAILAND'S TWO LARGEST STEEL PRODUCERS, G.S. STEEL CO., LTD. (GSSC) AND THE SIAM IRON AND STEEL CO., LTD. (SISC) HAVE SEPARATELY REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EMERGENCY RELIEF FROM U.S. FERROUS SCRAP EXPORT POLICY AS IT APPLIES TO THAILAND.

2. SISC'S U.S. AGENT, COMMERCIAL METALS, DALLAS, TEXAS, HAS BEEN REFUSED U.S. EXPORT LICENSE COVERING EXISTING CONTRACT. GSSC MAINTAINS THAT UNTIL MID-1973, IT WAS ONLY THAI IMPORTER OF U.S. STEEL SCRAP, IMPORTING THROUGH U.S. SHIPPER, LIVIN METAL CORPORATION, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. GSSC CLAIMS IT SUPPLIES NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF LOCAL DEMAND FOR REINFORCING BARS, AND WILL REQUIRE 88,000 L/T FROM U.S. IN 1974 TO MEET PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS. BOTH GSSC AND SISC CLAIM THEIR COMPANIES WILL BE FORCED TO SHUT DOWN EARLY IN 1974 OR AT LEAST DECREASE PRODUCTION, IF EMERGENCY RELIEF IS NOT GRANTED, ADVERSELY AFFECTING SUPPLY OF

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STEEL BARS AND WIRE RODS TO THAI CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AS WELL

AS EMPLOYMENT IN STEEL INDUSTRY.

3. DOCUMENTS AND STATISTICS FROM BOTH GSSC AND SISC SUPPORTING
THEIR CLAIMS, ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED.
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